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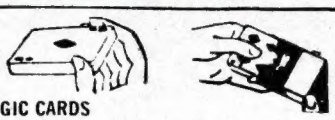

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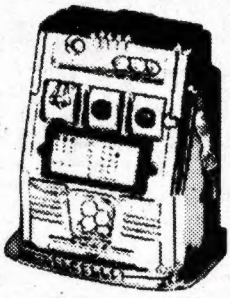

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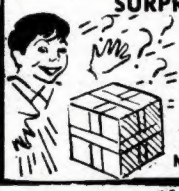

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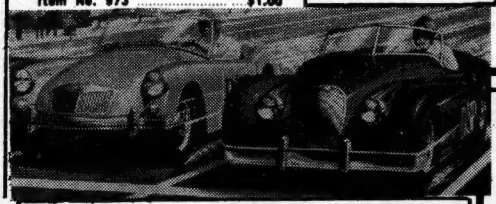

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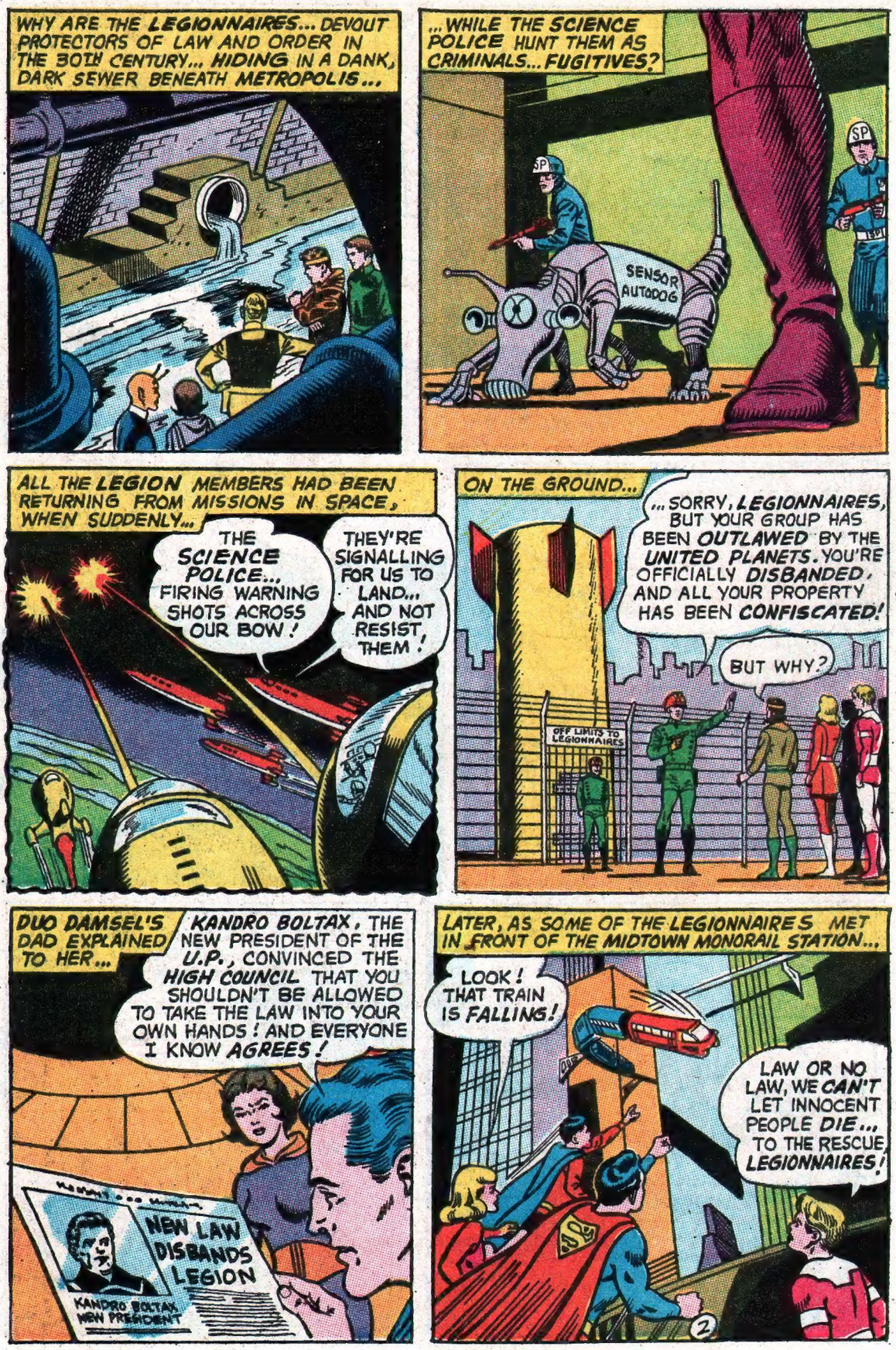
WHY ARE THE LEGIONNAIRES... DEVOUT PROTECTORS OF LAW AND ORDER IN THE 30TH CENTURY... HIDING IN A DANK, DARK SEWER BENEATH METROPOLIS...
...WHILE THE SCIENCE POLICE HUNT THEM AS CRIMINALS... FUGITIVES?
SP
SENSOR AUTODOG
ALL THE LEGION MEMBERS HAD BEEN RETURNING FROM MISSIONS IN SPACE, WHEN SUDDENLY...
THE SCIENCE POLICE... FIRING WARNING SHOTS ACROSS OUR BOW!
THEY'RE SIGNALLING FOR US TO LAND... AND NOT RESIST, THEM!
ON THE GROUND...
...SORRY, LEGIONNAIRES, BUT YOUR GROUP HAS BEEN OUTLAWED BY THE UNITED PLANETS. YOU'RE OFFICIALLY DISBANDED, AND ALL YOUR PROPERTY HAS BEEN CONFISCATED!
BUT WHY?
OFF LIMITS TO LEGIONNAIRES
DUO DAMSEL'S DAD EXPLAINED TO HER...
KANDRO BOLTAX, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE U.P., CONVINCED THE HIGH COUNCIL THAT YOU SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS! AND EVERYONE I KNOW AGREES!
NEW LAW DISBANDS LEGION
KANDRO BOLTAX NEW PRESIDENT
LATER, AS SOME OF THE LEGIONNAIRES MET IN FRONT OF THE MIDTOWN MONORAIL STATION...
LOOK! THAT TRAIN IS FALLING!
LAW OR NO LAW, WE CAN'T LET INNOCENT PEOPLE DIE... TO THE RESCUE, LEGIONNAIRES!
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BUT THE LEGIONNAIRES' EFFORTS WERE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN APPLAUDED...
YOU WHO DARED DEFY THE LAW...TEN YEARS' HARD LABOR ON TAKRON-GALTOS, THE PRISON WORLD!
THE REST OF YOU ARE FORBIDDEN TO WEAR YOUR LEGION COSTUMES OR USE YOUR POWERS!
WHEN EVEN THEIR PARENTS TURNED AGAINST THEM, THE SUPER-HEROES WENT TO THEIR OLDEST FRIEND AND SPONSOR...
BRANDE
OUR ONE HOPE IS THAT R.J. BRANDE IS STILL ON OUR SIDE! HIS VAST WEALTH HAS BACKED US SINCE THE LEGION WAS FOUNDED, BECAUSE SOME OF US ONCE SAVED HIS LIFE!
BUT... GET OUT! YOUR STUPID GROUP HAS COST ME ENOUGH MONEY AND TIME ALREADY! YOU'LL GET NO MORE HELP FROM ME!
BUT, MR. BRANDE, WE NEED YOUR AID!
DO YOU? GUARDS! THE LEGIONNAIRES ARE ROBBING ME! COME AT ONCE!
NO ONE WILL TAKE OUR WORD AGAINST BRANDE'S! AND WE MUST BE FREE TO FIND OUT WHO TURNED EVERYONE AGAINST US.... EVEN MR. BRANDE!
AND SO THE LEGIONNAIRES TOOK THE ONLY COURSE OPEN TO THEM... THEY FOUGHT...
THE ELEVATOR TUBES ARE BLOCKED!
HEAD FOR THE WINDOW!
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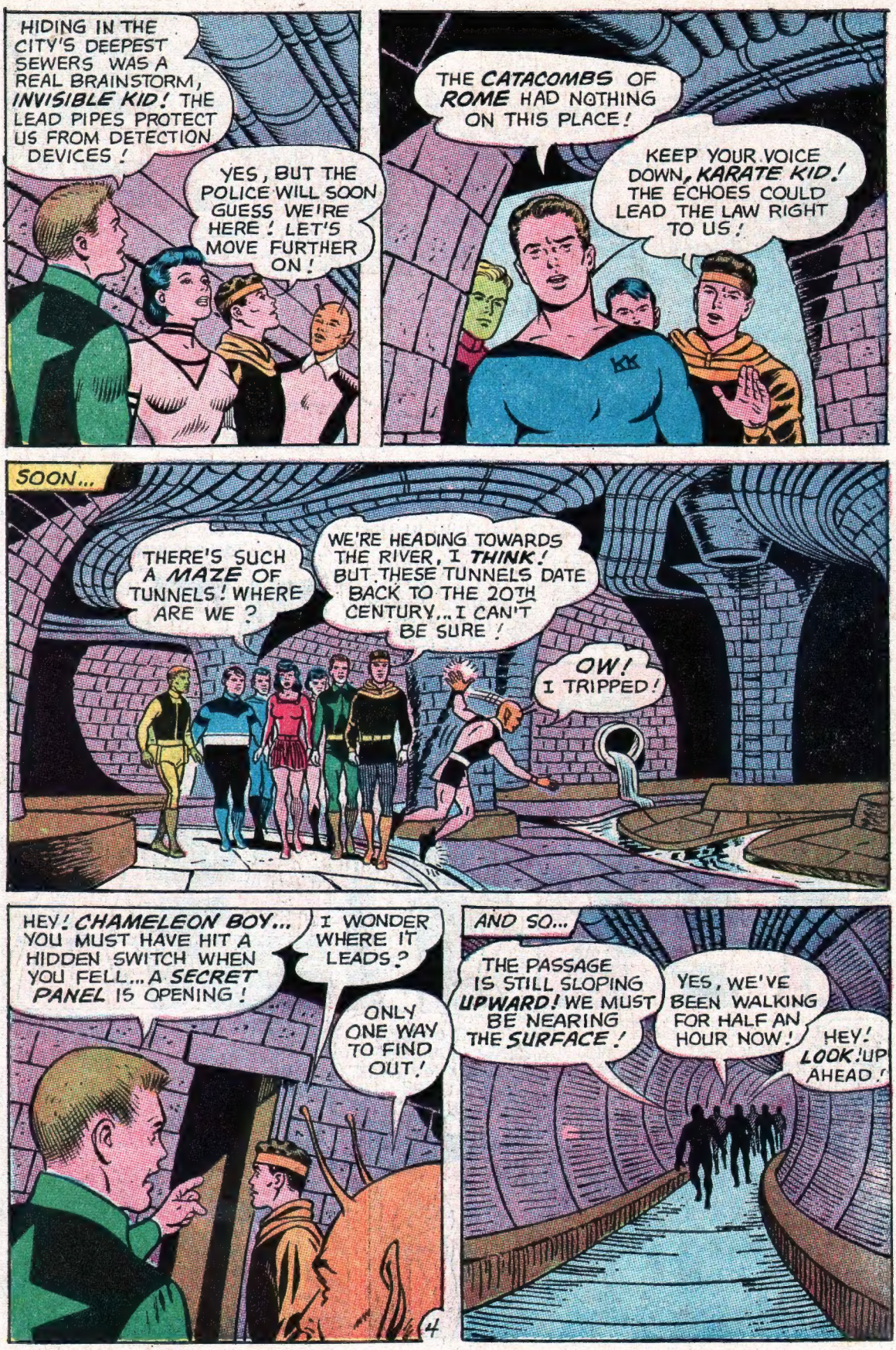
FINALLY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR HISTORY, THE L.S.H. MEMBERS FOUND THEMSELVES...FUGITIVES...


HIDING IN THE CITY'S DEEPEST SEWERS WAS A REAL BRAINSTORM, INVISIBLE KID! THE LEAD PIPES PROTECT US FROM DETECTION DEVICES!
YES, BUT THE POLICE WILL SOON GUESS WE'RE HERE! LET'S MOVE FURTHER ON!
THE CATACOMBS OF ROME HAD NOTHING ON THIS PLACE!
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN, KARATE KID! THE ECHOES COULD LEAD THE LAW RIGHT TO US!
KK
SOON...
THERE'S SUCH A MAZE OF TUNNELS! WHERE ARE WE?
WE'RE HEADING TOWARDS THE RIVER, I THINK! BUT THESE TUNNELS DATE BACK TO THE 20TH CENTURY... I CAN'T BE SURE!
OW! I TRIPPED!
HEY! CHAMELEON BOY... YOU MUST HAVE HIT A HIDDEN SWITCH WHEN YOU FELL... A SECRET PANEL IS OPENING!
I WONDER WHERE IT LEADS?
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
AND SO...
THE PASSAGE IS STILL SLOPING UPWARD! WE MUST BE NEARING THE SURFACE!
YES, WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOR HALF AN HOUR NOW!
HEY! LOOK! UP AHEAD!
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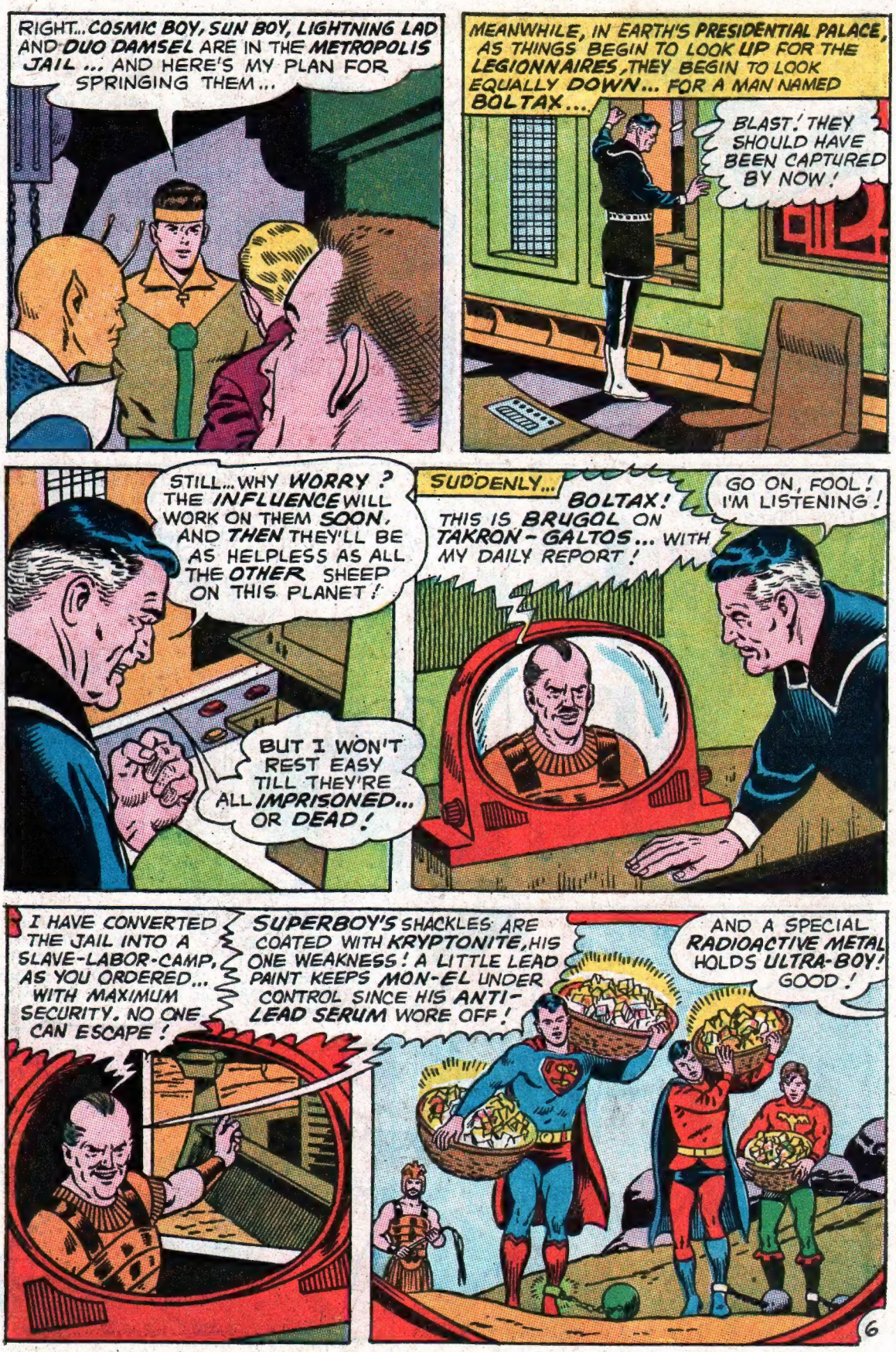
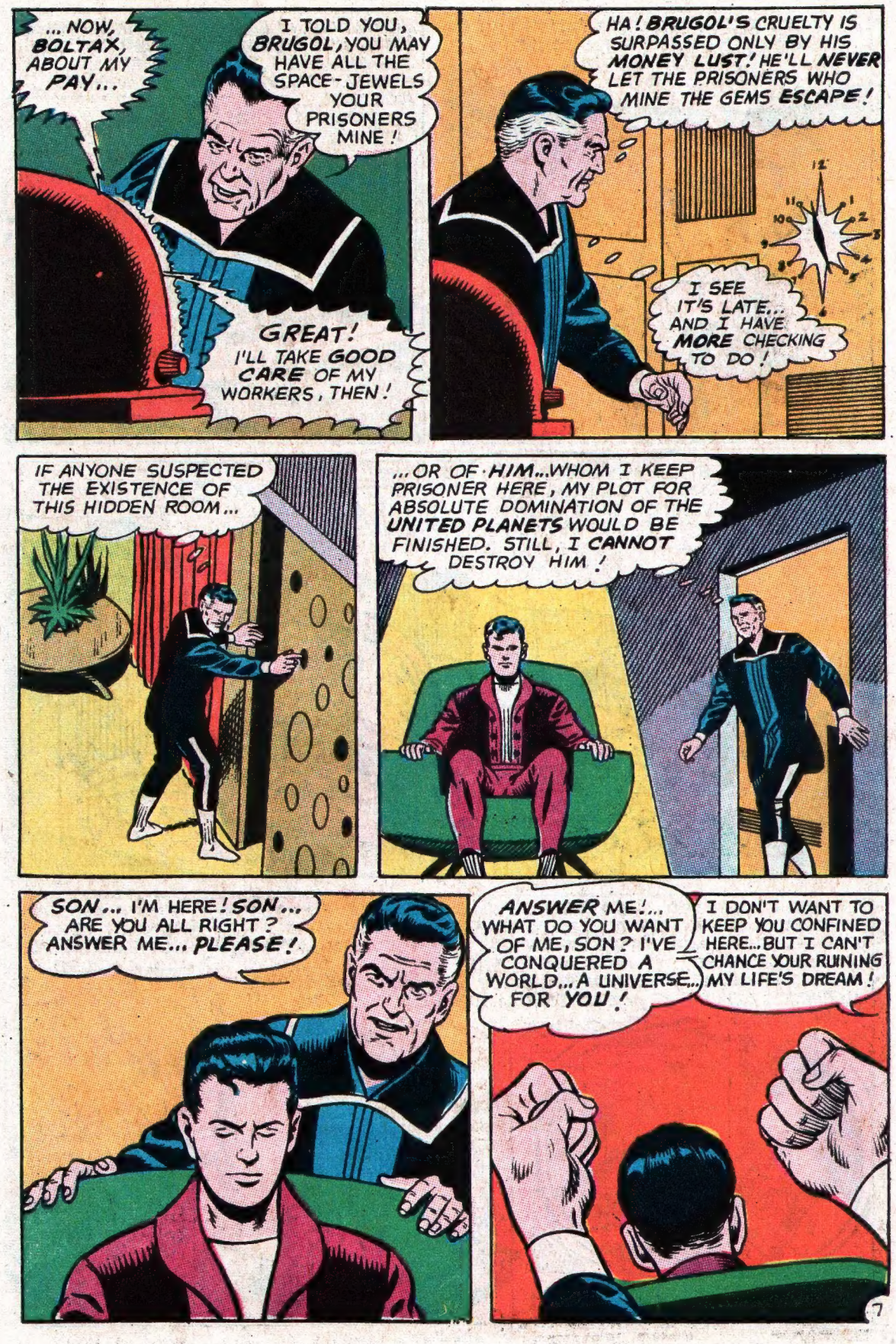
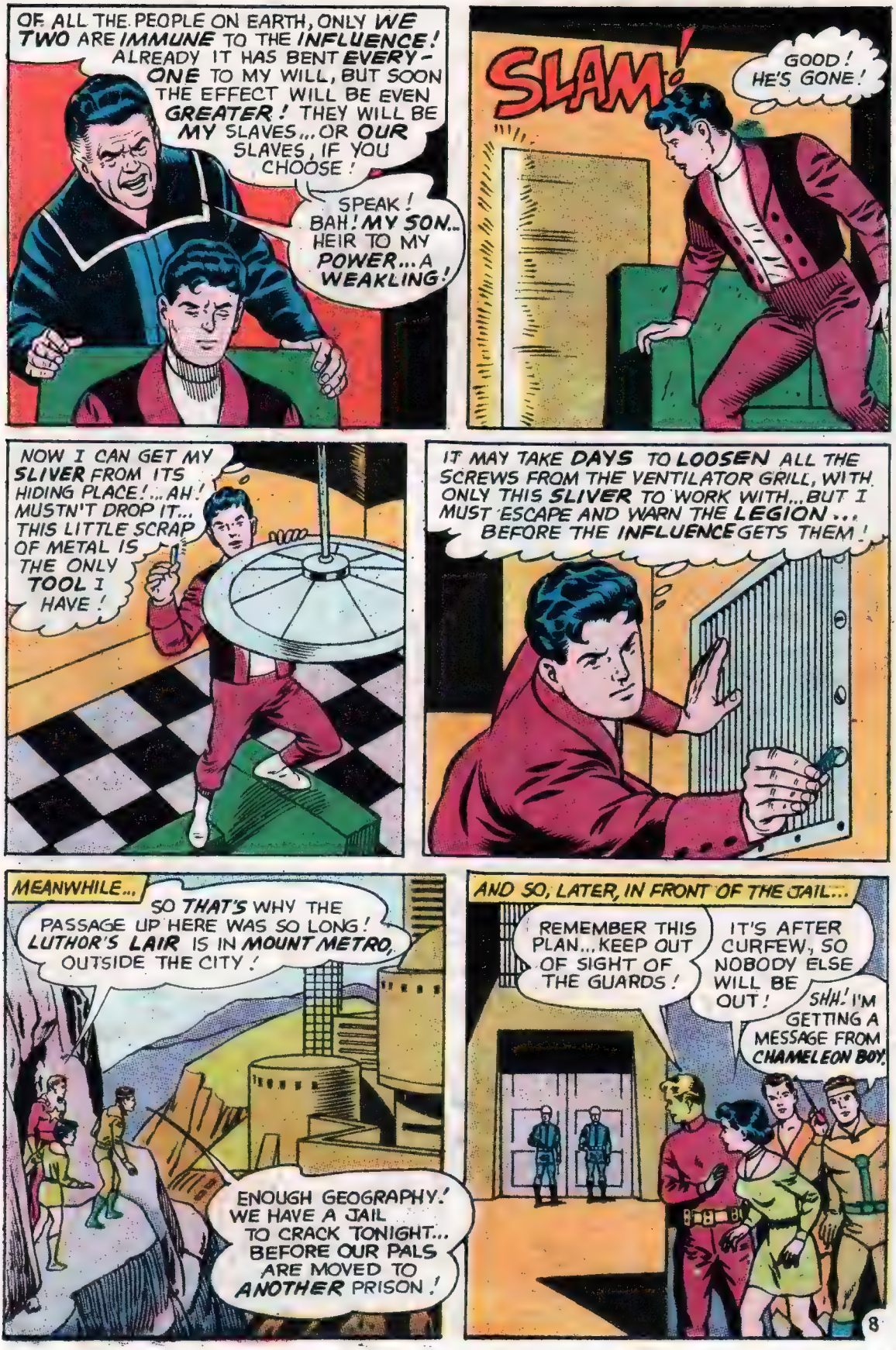
GASP! A COMPLETELY EQUIPPED SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY!
AND LIVING QUARTERS ... VEHICLES FOR TRANSPORTATION... ALSO WEAPONS!
BUT WHO COULD HAVE BUILT IT...AND WHY IS IT HIDDEN HERE?
INCREDIBLE! JUDGING BY THE BUILDING MATERIALS, THIS PLACE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE MID-1900'S ... IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
IT'S ONE OF LUTHOR'S LAIRS!
SURE! SUPERMAN'S ARCH-ENEMY HAD SEVERAL OF THESE SECRET HIDEOUTS!
AND ONLY A SCIENTIST AS BRILLIANT AS HE COULD HAVE CREATED WONDERS LIKE THESE IN THE 20TH CENTURY!
I DON'T CARE WHOSE IT WAS! AFTER SPENDING A NIGHT IN THAT COLD, DANK SEWER TUNNEL, ALL I WANT IS A NICE, WARM PLACE TO STRETCH OUT!
HEY! LOOK OVER HERE!
FOOD SYNTHESIZERS! AND A CLOTHING MACHINE THAT CAN INSTANTLY DUPLICATE OUR LEGION COSTUMES!
LUTHOR WAS A GENIUS, ALL RIGHT! THESE COSTUMES MADE BY HIS MACHINE ARE PERFECT IN EVERY DETAIL!
CLOTHING DUPLICATOR
LATER...
ALL RIGHT, GROUP! NOW THAT WE'RE ALL RESTED AND WELL FED, IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK!
RIGHT! OUR UNDER-GROUND SHOULD START GUERRILLA WARFARE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT!
YES... BUT FIRST WE NEED MORE POWER! OUR MIGHTIEST MEMBERS ARE IN PRISON... EXCEPT FOR SUPERGIRL, AND WE HAVE NO EQUIPMENT TO CONTACT HER IN THE 20TH CENTURY!
SO OUR NEXT MOVE IS A JAILBREAK?

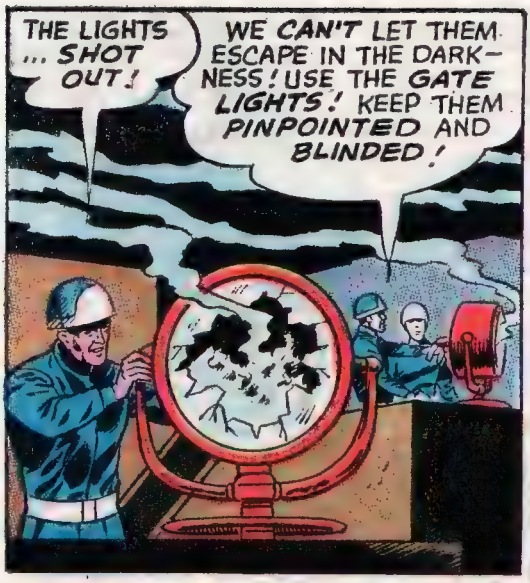

RIGHT... COSMIC BOY, SUN BOY, LIGHTNING LAD AND DUO DAMSEL ARE IN THE METROPOLIS JAIL ... AND HERE'S MY PLAN FOR SPRINGING THEM...
MEANWHILE, IN EARTH'S PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, AS THINGS BEGIN TO LOOK UP FOR THE LEGIONNAIRES, THEY BEGIN TO LOOK EQUALLY DOWN... FOR A MAN NAMED BOLTAX...
BLAST! THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY NOW!
STILL... WHY WORRY? THE INFLUENCE WILL WORK ON THEM SOON, AND THEN THEY'LL BE AS HELPLESS AS ALL THE OTHER SHEEP ON THIS PLANET!
BUT I WON'T REST EASY TILL THEY'RE ALL IMPRISONED... OR DEAD!
SUDDENLY...
BOLTAX! THIS IS BRUGOL ON TAKRON-GALTOS... WITH MY DAILY REPORT!
GO ON, FOOL! I'M LISTENING!
I HAVE CONVERTED THE JAIL INTO A SLAVE-LABOR-CAMP, AS YOU ORDERED... WITH MAXIMUM SECURITY. NO ONE CAN ESCAPE!
SUPERBOY'S SHACKLES ARE COATED WITH KRYPTONITE, HIS ONE WEAKNESS! A LITTLE LEAD PAINT KEEPS MON-EL UNDER CONTROL SINCE HIS ANTI-LEAD SERUM WORE OFF!
AND A SPECIAL RADIOACTIVE METAL HOLDS ULTRA-BOY! GOOD!

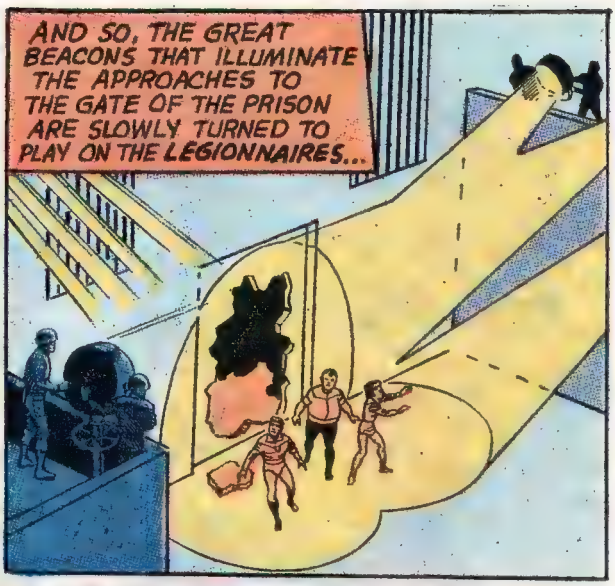

... NOW, BOLTAX, ABOUT MY PAY...
I TOLD YOU, BRUGOL, YOU MAY HAVE ALL THE SPACE-JEWELS YOUR PRISONERS MINE!
GREAT! I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY WORKERS, THEN!
HA! BRUGOL'S CRUELTY IS SURPASSED ONLY BY HIS MONEY LUST! HE'LL NEVER LET THE PRISONERS WHO MINE THE GEMS ESCAPE!
I SEE IT'S LATE... AND I HAVE MORE CHECKING TO DO!
IF ANYONE SUSPECTED THE EXISTENCE OF THIS HIDDEN ROOM...
...OR OF HIM...WHOM I KEEP PRISONER HERE, MY PLOT FOR ABSOLUTE DOMINATION OF THE UNITED PLANETS WOULD BE FINISHED. STILL, I CANNOT DESTROY HIM!
SON... I'M HERE! SON... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ANSWER ME... PLEASE!
ANSWER ME!... WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME, SON? I'VE CONQUERED A WORLD... A UNIVERSE... FOR YOU!
I DON'T WANT TO KEEP YOU CONFINED HERE... BUT I CAN'T CHANCE YOUR RUINING MY LIFE'S DREAM!


OF ALL THE PEOPLE ON EARTH, ONLY WE TWO ARE IMMUNE TO THE INFLUENCE! ALREADY IT HAS BENT EVERY-ONE TO MY WILL, BUT SOON THE EFFECT WILL BE EVEN GREATER! THEY WILL BE MY SLAVES... OR OUR SLAVES, IF YOU CHOOSE!
SPEAK! BAH! MY SON... HEIR TO MY POWER... A WEAKLING!
SLAM!
GOOD! HE'S GONE!
NOW I CAN GET MY SLIVER FROM ITS HIDING PLACE!... AH! MUSTN'T DROP IT... THIS LITTLE SCRAP OF METAL IS THE ONLY TOOL I HAVE!
IT MAY TAKE DAYS TO LOOSEN ALL THE SCREWS FROM THE VENTILATOR GRILL, WITH ONLY THIS SLIVER TO WORK WITH... BUT I MUST ESCAPE AND WARN THE LEGION... BEFORE THE INFLUENCE GETS THEM!
MEANWHILE...
SO THAT'S WHY THE PASSAGE UP HERE WAS SO LONG! LUTHOR'S LAIR IS IN MOUNT METRO, OUTSIDE THE CITY!
ENOUGH GEOGRAPHY! WE HAVE A JAIL TO CRACK TONIGHT... BEFORE OUR PALS ARE MOVED TO ANOTHER PRISON!
AND SO, LATER, IN FRONT OF THE JAIL...
REMEMBER THIS PLAN... KEEP OUT OF SIGHT OF THE GUARDS!
IT'S AFTER CURFEW, SO NOBODY ELSE WILL BE OUT!
SHH! I'M GETTING A MESSAGE FROM CHAMELEON BOY!

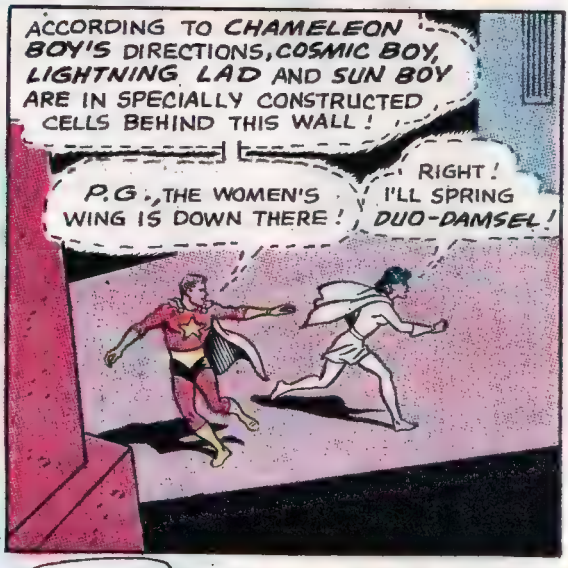
WHERE IS CHAMELEON BOY? INSIDE THE PRISON... USING HIS DISGUISE POWER TO IMPERSONATE THE DEPUTY WARDEN!
KID! I'VE FOUND THE WARDEN'S FILES. COSMIC BOY, LIGHTNING LAD AND SUN BOY ARE IN CELL BLOCK TEN, ON THE EAST SIDE... DUO DAMSEL IS IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION ON THE NORTH!
COMMENCE PLAN G!
O.K., KID! THAT'S OUR CUE!
RIGHT! AS HEAD OF THE ESPIONAGE SQUAD, C.B. GIVES THE ORDERS NOW!
THE KEY TO OUR WHOLE PLAN IS GETTING THROUGH THAT GATE!... AND THOSE GUARDS MUSN'T SOUND THE ALARM!
SO THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO... AND KARATE KID AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES TO DO IT... WE MUST NOT FAIL!
NOW... A SLIGHT NOISE TO ATTRACT THEIR ATTENTION AWAY FROM KARATE KID... THEN... POW!
PSST!
"POW" IT IS... THEN...
IT'S ALL YOUR SHOW NOW, KID!
THESE POWERFUL DURLAMITE GATES WILL BE TOUGH, BUT I THINK I CAN "KARATE" THEM!
YOU MUST! WE SURE CAN'T SEND FOR SUPERBOY!

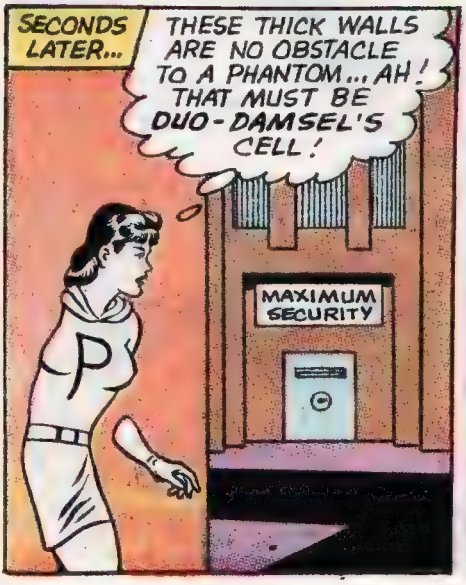
I...DID IT!
COME ON! WE'RE THROUGH!
AND SECONDS LATER...
SOUND THE ALARM! THE LEGIONNAIRES ARE ATTACKING!
FIRST OBJECTIVE! TAKE THAT TOWER!
CHARGE!
LOOK! THEY'RE AFTER THE CENTRAL TOWER!
CALL OUT REINFORCEMENTS!
VIOLET! BRAINIAC 5! GRAB SOME OF THE GUARDS' GUNS! START SHOOTING OUT THE LIGHTS!


THE LIGHTS ... SHOT OUT!
WE CAN'T LET THEM ESCAPE IN THE DARKNESS! USE THE GATE LIGHTS! KEEP THEM PINPOINTED AND BLINDED!


AND SO, THE GREAT BEACONS THAT ILLUMINATE THE APPROACHES TO THE GATE OF THE PRISON ARE SLOWLY TURNED TO PLAY ON THE LEGIONNAIRES...

BUT OTHER FIGURES DART FURTIVELY AND UNNOTICED THROUGH THE NOW PRESENT DARKNESS...
IT WORKED! NOW THAT ALL THE LIGHTS HAVE BEEN TURNED ON OUR PALS, WE CAN SNEAK IN AND FREE OUR OTHER PARTNERS!


ACCORDING TO CHAMELEON BOY'S DIRECTIONS, COSMIC BOY, LIGHTNING LAD AND SUN BOY ARE IN SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED CELLS BEHIND THIS WALL!
P.G., THE WOMEN'S WING IS DOWN THERE!
RIGHT! I'LL SPRING DUO-DAMSEL!


SECONDS LATER...
THESE THICK WALLS ARE NO OBSTACLE TO A PHANTOM... AH! THAT MUST BE DUO-DAMSEL'S CELL!
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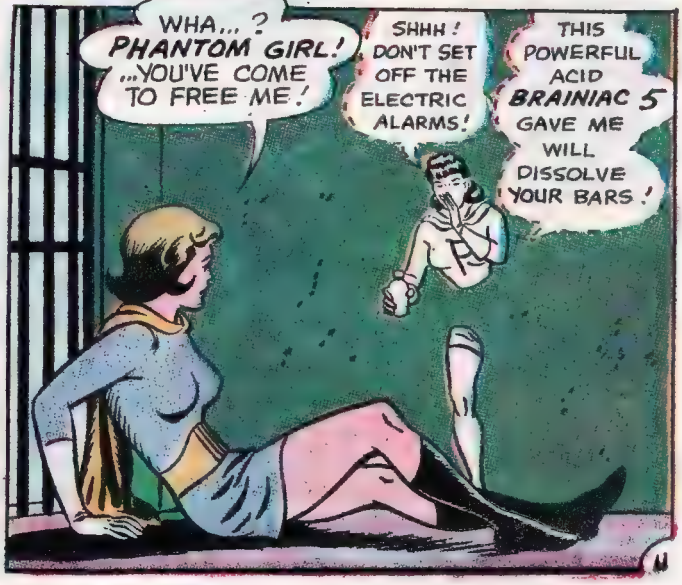
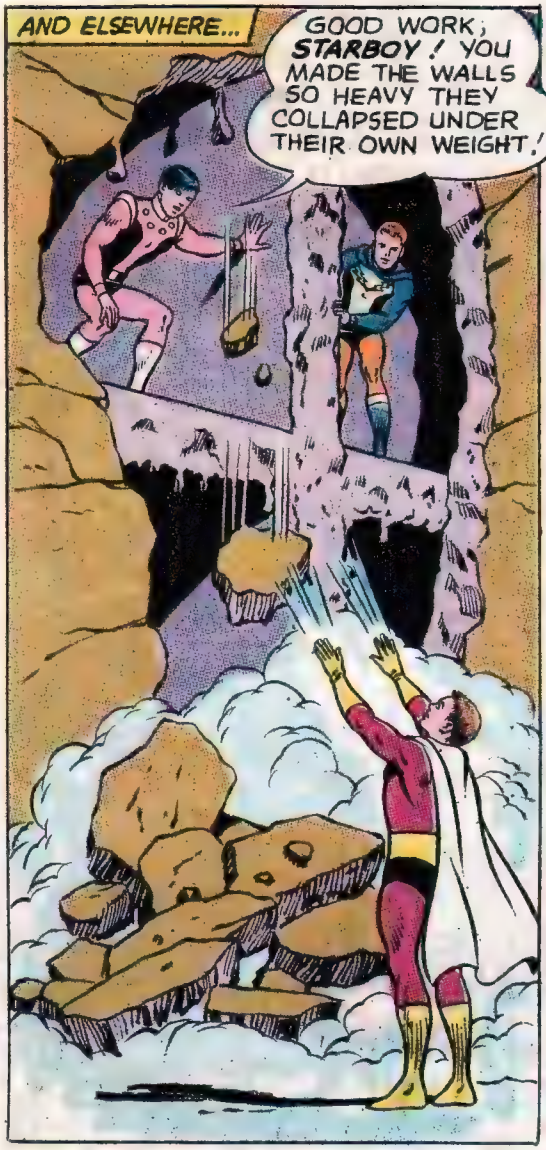
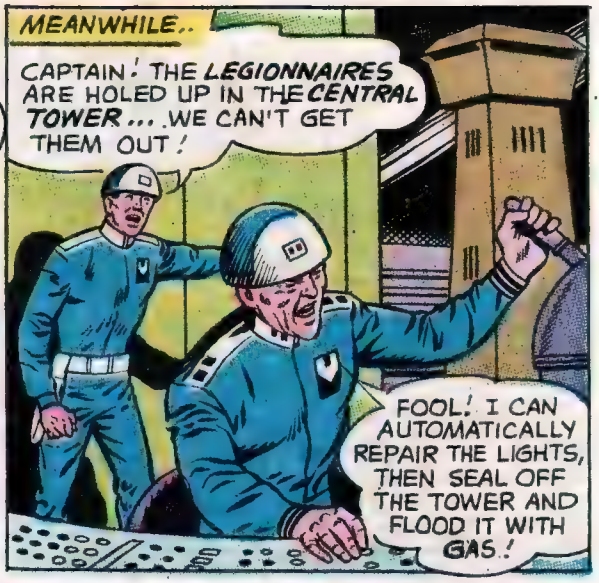
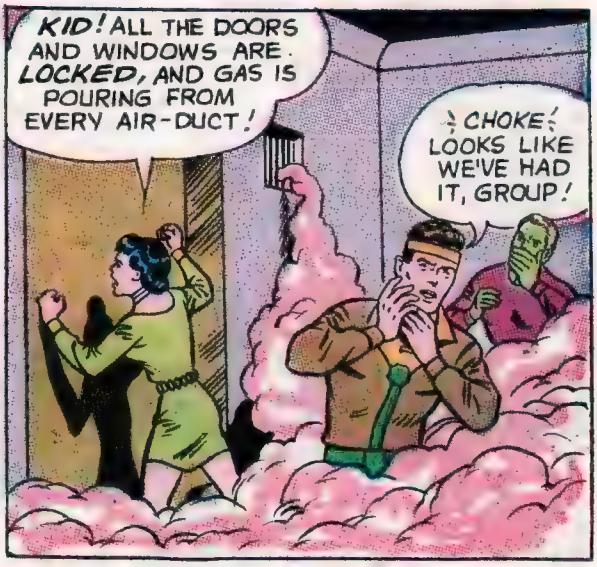

WHA...? PHANTOM GIRL! ...YOU'VE COME TO FREE ME!
SHHH! DON'T SET OFF THE ELECTRIC ALARMS!
THIS POWERFUL ACID BRAINIAC 5 GAVE ME WILL DISSOLVE YOUR BARS!


AND ELSEWHERE...
GOOD WORK, STARBOY! YOU MADE THE WALLS SO HEAVY THEY COLLAPSED UNDER THEIR OWN WEIGHT!


MEANWHILE..
CAPTAIN! THE LEGIONNAIRES ARE HOLED UP IN THE CENTRAL TOWER.... WE CAN'T GET THEM OUT!
FOOL! I CAN AUTOMATICALLY REPAIR THE LIGHTS, THEN SEAL OFF THE TOWER AND FLOOD IT WITH GAS!


KID! ALL THE DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE LOCKED, AND GAS IS POURING FROM EVERY AIR-DUCT!
CHOKE! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE HAD IT, GROUP!

SUDDENLY...
SUN BOY! COSMIC BOY! HOLD OFF THE GUARDS! I'M GOING TO BLAST THAT TOWER APART WITH MY LIGHTNING BOLTS!
GREAT STARS! THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES ARE FREE!

THE LIGHTS WENT OUT! THE SPARKS FROM LIGHTNING LAD'S BOLTS HAVE SHORTED THE GENERATOR!
THEY'RE ESCAPING!
STOP THEM, FOOLS!
...CAN'T SEE THEM!
SECONDS LATER, OUTSIDE THE PRISON...
WHEW! WE MADE IT! BUT WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF THIS AREA FAST! THEY'LL BE AFTER US IN NO TIME!
WAIT! WHERE'S CHAMELEON BOY?
RIGHT UP HERE, P.G.!
YOU'RE FLYING... BUT HOW?
OUR FLIGHT-RINGS, INVISIBLE KID! THEY WERE IN THE WARDEN'S SAFE, AND I FIGURED WE NEEDED THEM MORE THAN HE DID!
GREAT! NOW WE CAN FLY TO SAFETY!
LATER, BACK AT THEIR NEW H.Q...
MAN, THAT WAS PERFECT! IT WENT OFF LIKE CLOCKWORK!
FACE IT! WE'RE BORN PRISON-BREAKERS! NEXT, WE'LL SPRING SUPERBOY AND THE OTHERS FROM TAKRON-GALTOS... RIGHT, KID?
WRONG!
BUT WE MUST! I CAN'T JUST STAND HERE WHILE ULTRA BOY ROTS IN JAIL!
AND MY SISTER, LIGHT LASS... AND SATURN GIRL!
AND SUPERBOY!
THAT'S THE MOVE THE POLICE WILL EXPECT!
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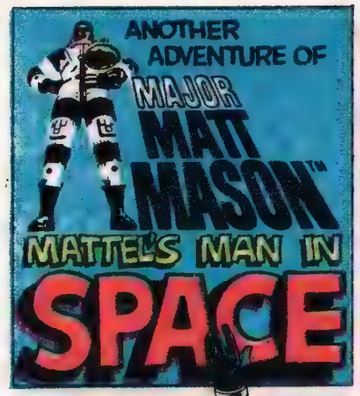

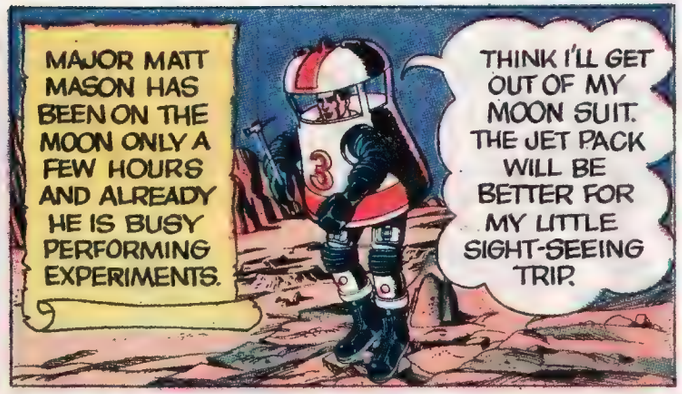

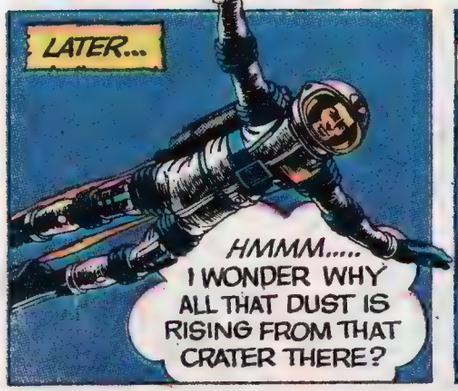

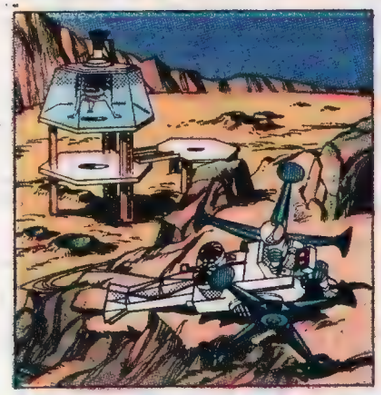

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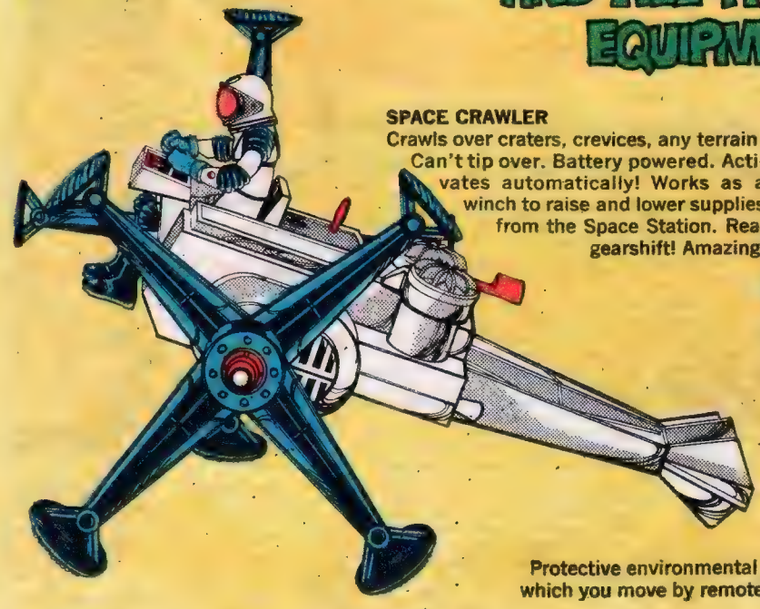

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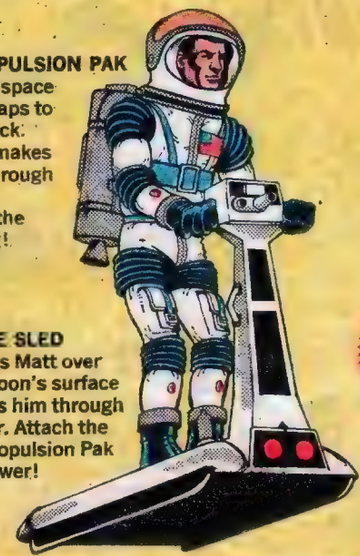

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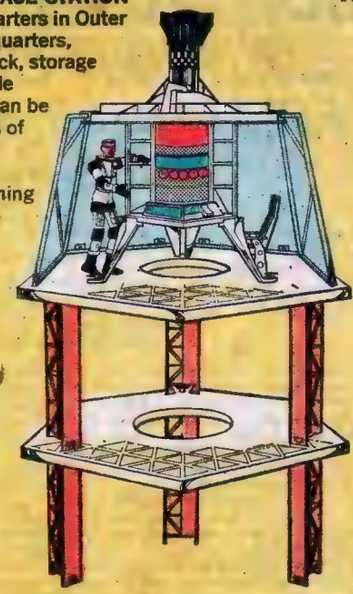

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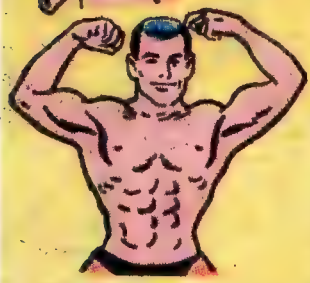

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The LEGION SPIES
AND SO, NEXT DAY, IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE...
GUARD! WHAT'S ALL THAT COMMOTION BY THE GATE?
A COURIER, SIR! SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YOU, BUT SHE LACKS PROPER CREDENTIALS!
ONE GIRL? BAH! LET HER IN!
AND SO...
AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF GRAX!
IMPORTANT? HA! WHAT CAN THAT OLD WINDBAG HAVE TO SAY TO ME?
TELL HIM I'LL LET HIS MESSAGE AGE A LITTLE BEFORE I READ IT!
IMPORTANT? THE ONLY THING OF IMPORTANCE IS MY PLAN TO MAKE EVERYONE ON EARTH MY WILLING SLAVE!
BOLTAX DOESN'T SUSPECT HE HAS ME... SHRINKING VIOLET... IN THE ENVELOPE... OR THAT THE "COURIER" WAS DUO DAMSEL!
AND AS THE "COURIER" WALKS DOWN THE HALL TOWARDS THE EXIT...
NOW... WHILE NOBODY'S WATCHING... I'LL SPLIT...
... WHILE I SNEAK INTO THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE!
AND I'LL LEAVE SO NO ONE WILL SUSPECT...
HA! THERE GOES MY OTHER SELF! NOW THAT THE GUARDS THINK I'M GONE, I'LL CRACK BOLTAX'S SAFE WITH THIS SPECIAL TOOL BRAINIAC 5 GAVE ME, AND LOOK FOR CLUES!
BEING DUO DAMSEL HAS ITS ADVANTAGES.
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE, LIGHTNING LAD, IN DISGUISE, STROLLS BY THE PALACE GROUNDS!
THERE... A FEW SMALL BOLTS SHOT AT THE GARDENER ROBOTS AND THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR PLAN BEGINS!
LOOK! THE ROBOTS HAVE COLLAPSED! CALL A REPAIRMAN!

AND SO...
YOU CALLED FOR SOME ROBOT REPAIRMEN... MAC?
RIGHT! OUR GARDENER ROBOTS COLLAPSED! GO TAKE A LOOK AT 'EM!
WAIT A MINUTE, YOU TWO! WHAT'S IN THAT BOX?
JUST TOOLS AND SPARE PARTS! SEE?
OKAY! JUST HURRY WITH THOSE ROBOTS!
MEANWHILE, IN THE REPAIRMEN'S TRUCK...
GOOD...THEY DIDN'T RECOGNIZE KARATE KID ...AND NO ONE COULD SPOT CHAMELEON BOY SINCE HE MADE HIMSELF LOOK LIKE A REPAIR-MAN!
NOW ALL WE CAN DO IS HOPE FOR RESULTS!
AND LATER, INSIDE...
I'VE BEEN STICKING CLOSE TO BOLTAX FOR HOURS NOW, HOPING TO DISCOVER HOW HE'S CONTROLLING EVERYONE...BUT SO FAR HE'S ONLY DONE ROUTINE PAPER WORK!
IT'S TIME!
AH! WHAT'S UP NOW?
BUT...
HUH? HE'S WALKING RIGHT TOWARDS THAT BLANK WALL! MUST BE A HIDDEN DOOR...
I'VE CHECKED HIS PAPERS THREE TIMES! ...NO CLUES!
I MUST VISIT MY SON!
EH? SOMEONE IN MY OUTER OFFICE!
I'VE BEEN SEEN... I'LL DUCK THROUGH THIS AIR-PASSAGE INTO THE NEXT ROOM!
YOU! STOP!
THE HEAT'S ON! TIME FOR ME TO LEAVE THROUGH A WINDOW!

SECONDS LATER...
BOYS! I'VE BEEN SEEN! LET'S GET MOVING! BOLTAX HAS ORDERED THE GUARD OUT!
QUICK, D.D., IN THE BOX!
ER...WE HAVE TO TAKE SOME OF THESE UNITS BACK TO THE SHOP... CAN WE GO.?
WELL, NO ONE IS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS, BUT I GUESS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
ROBOT MAINTENANCE
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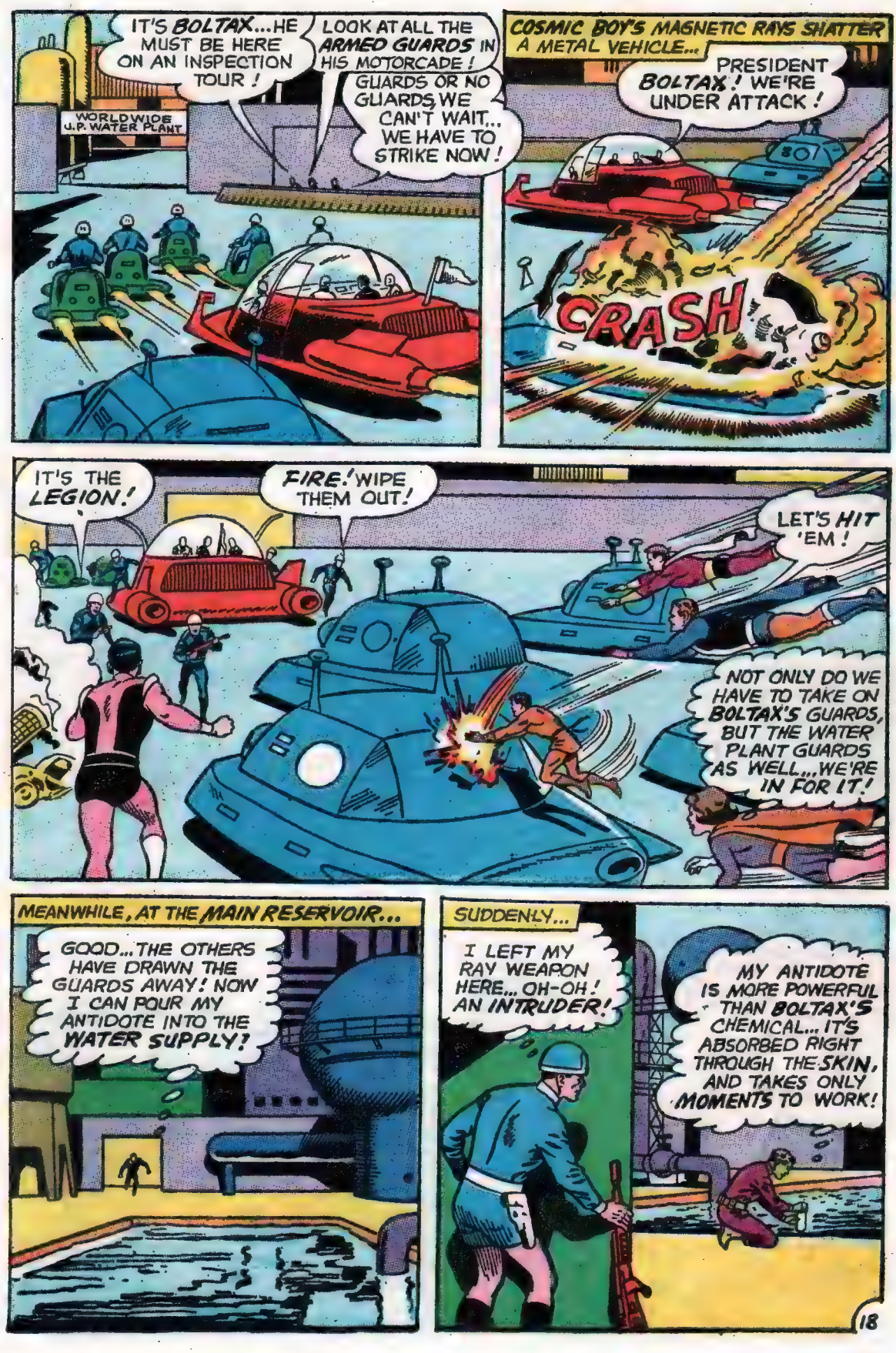
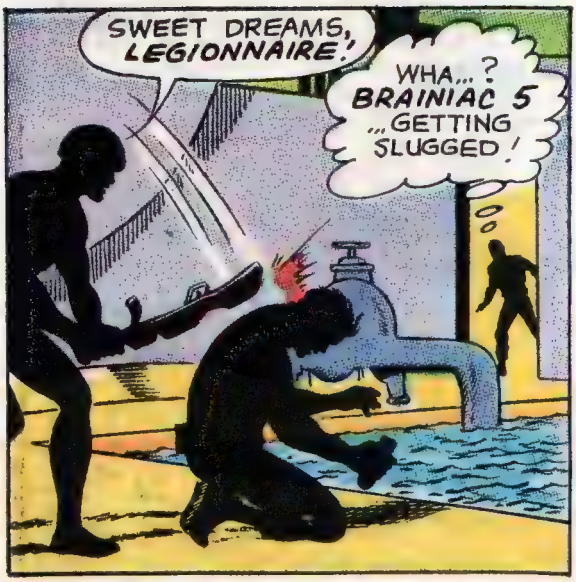
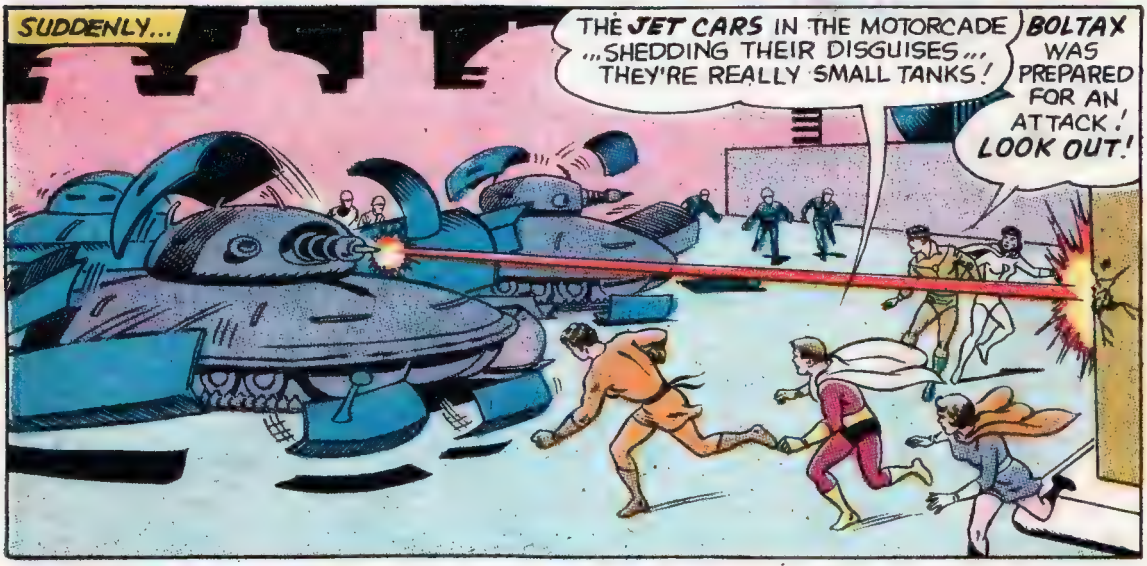
GUARDS! FOOLS! WHY DID YOU LET THEM OUT? THEY'RE LEGIONNAIRES! AFTER THEM!
QUICK! THE TRUCK!
THEY'RE GAINING, BRAINIAC 5'! FASTER!
I CAN'T! WE'RE SUNK UNLESS OUR PALS SHOW UP IN TIME!
ROBOT MAINTENANCE
SUDDENLY, THOSE PALS FLASH ONTO THE SCENE...
NICE WORK, COSMIC BOY...STAR BOY! THEY CAN'T GET FAR IF THEY'RE MAGNETIZED TO THOSE METAL BUILDINGS!...
...OR IF THEY'RE TOO SUPER-HEAVY TO FLY!
ROBOT MAINTENANCE

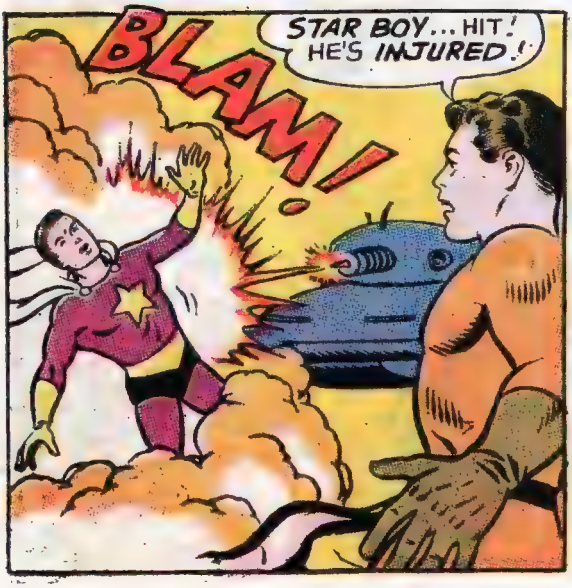
LATER...
WELL, GROUP, WE HAD OUR CHANCE, AND WE FLUBBED IT!
YOU SAID IT! THEY'LL BE READY FOR US NOW!
WILL WE EVER FIND OUT HOW BOLTAX IS INFLUENCING PEOPLE?
WE'VE BEEN APPROACHING THIS THE WRONG WAY! LET'S TRY A LITTLE LOGIC!
SURE! BOLTAX OBVIOUSLY USED SOMETHING EVERY-ONE ON EARTH HAD TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH...
...LIKE AIR, WHICH EVERYONE BREATHES, OR HIGH FREQUENCY COMMUNICATION WAVES, WHICH SPAN ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE ...OR FOOD...
...OR WATER! NO ONE CAN LIVE WITHOUT IT! IF A CHEMICAL WERE PUT IN IT... SAY... BOLTAX'S FIRST PROJECT WAS A WORLD-WIDE WATER PLANT! LET'S GET A SAMPLE OF THE WATER!
AND SO...
AHA! THERE ARE TINY TRACES OF HYPNO-CHEMICALS IN THIS WATER... WEAK, BUT EFFECTIVE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME!
BOLTAX PROBABLY WANTED TO MAKE IT HARD TO DETECT!
BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO BE AFFECTED!
THERE! I'VE MADE AN ANTIDOTE! ONE DROP OF THIS WILL COUNTERACT GALLONS OF BOLTAX'S FORMULA! ... AND IT'S FASTER-WORKING!
WE'LL HEAD FOR THE MAIN RESERVOIR TOMORROW AND POUR IT IN!
NEXT DAY, AT THE WATER PURIFICATION PLANT...
ALL RIGHT... SAME AS AT THE JAIL! FIRST A DIVERSION ...THEN...!
KID! LOOK!
WORLDWIDE U.P. WATER PLANT


IT'S BOLTAX...HE MUST BE HERE ON AN INSPECTION TOUR!
LOOK AT ALL THE ARMED GUARDS IN HIS MOTORCADE! GUARDS OR NO GUARDS, WE CAN'T WAIT... WE HAVE TO STRIKE NOW!
WORLDWIDE U.P. WATER PLANT
COSMIC BOY'S MAGNETIC RAYS SHATTER A METAL VEHICLE...
PRESIDENT BOLTAX! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
CRASH
IT'S THE LEGION!
FIRE! WIPE THEM OUT!
LET'S HIT 'EM!
NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE TO TAKE ON BOLTAX'S GUARDS, BUT THE WATER PLANT GUARDS AS WELL... WE'RE IN FOR IT!
MEANWHILE, AT THE MAIN RESERVOIR...
GOOD...THE OTHERS HAVE DRAWN THE GUARDS AWAY! NOW I CAN POUR MY ANTIDOTE INTO THE WATER SUPPLY!
SUDDENLY...
I LEFT MY RAY WEAPON HERE... OH-OH! AN INTRUDER!
MY ANTIDOTE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN BOLTAX'S CHEMICAL... IT'S ABSORBED RIGHT THROUGH THE SKIN, AND TAKES ONLY MOMENTS TO WORK!


SWEET DREAMS, LEGIONNAIRE!
WHA...? BRAINIAC 5 ...GETTING SLUGGED!

AND OUTSIDE...
LOOK OUT, P.G.!
EASY, KID! I'VE MADE MY BODY IMMATERIAL, SO THEIR WEAPONS DON'T HURT ME!
FOR A PHANTOM, YOU SURE PACK A SOLID FIST!


SUDDENLY...
THE JET CARS IN THE MOTORCADE ...SHEDDING THEIR DISGUISES... THEY'RE REALLY SMALL TANKS!
BOLTAX WAS PREPARED FOR AN ATTACK! LOOK OUT!


BLAM!
STAR BOY... HIT! HE'S INJURED!

TRYING TO CRUSH ME NOW... WELL, YOU PICKED THE WRONG TARGET THIS TIME! YOU'VE HAD IT!

MEANWHILE, ON TAKRON-GALTOS...
GOOD! THE GUARDS ARE GETTING CARELESS... GIVING US TIME TO ACT! YOU KNOW THE PLAN, MATTER-EATER LAD!
CHECK, ELEMENT LAD!
IRON CHAINS ARE LIKE CHOCOLATE CAKE TO AN APPETITE LIKE MINE! CHOMP!
AND MY ELEMENT-CHANGING POWER IS TURNING MY SHACKLES TO NEON GAS!
NEXT, I TRANSFORM SUPERBOY'S, MON-EL'S AND ULTRA BOY'S CHAINS TO HARMLESS TIN!
NICE GOING, E LAD! WE'RE FREE!
YOU'RE NOT RUNNING OUT ON OUR LITTLE PARTY, ARE YOU, SHORT STUFF?
YIIII COLOSSAL BOY!
MOMENTS LATER, AS BRUGOL INVESTIGATES THE COMMOTION...
ULP! THE LEGIONNAIRES... LOOSE! I MUST HIDE...QUICKLY!
THE IMPRISONED HEROES ARE OUT... BUT CAN THEY REACH EARTH IN TIME TO HELP THEIR BUDDIES?

BACK ON EARTH, THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES ARE IN TROUBLE...
KID! STAR BOY'S INJURED! THE REST ARE FALLING BACK! WHAT CAN WE DO?
TAKE BOLTAX! I SEE HIM ON THAT OBSERVATION PLATFORM!
GIVE US SOME COVER, SUN BOY!
AND SO...
AIEE! I'M BLINDED!
...THE EFFECT IS ONLY TEMPORARY, BUT IT SHOULD DO THE JOB!
CAN'T SEE!
GOT YOU, BOLTAX!
QUICK! THE GUARDS ARE ALREADY RECOVERING FROM MY SOLAR BURST!
ALL RIGHT, BOLTAX... ORDER YOUR MEN TO SURRENDER... OR ELSE!
BAH! THEY KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT YOU WON'T KILL ANYONE, LEGIONNAIRES!
MEN! GET THEM!
LET'S FREE PRESIDENT BOLTAX!
WE'RE OUTNUMBERED! BUT WHERE IS BRAINIAC 5?... HE'S FAILED US!
YOU LEGIONNAIRES WILL PAY FOR ATTACKING PRESIDENT BOLTAX!
DEATH TO THE LEGION!
FREE BOLTAX!
SUDDENLY, FAR ABOVE, ONE OF THE PLANT'S HUGE WATER TANKS EXPLODES, RAINING TONS OF LIQUID DOWN UPON THE ADVANCING GUARDS...
BRAINIAC 5 CAME THROUGH! HIS ANTIDOTE-WATER WILL FREE THE GUARDS' WILL FROM BOLTAX'S INFLUENCE! THEY DON'T HAVE TO DRINK IT! THE STUFF WILL BE INSTANTLY ABSORBED THROUGH THEIR PORES! WE'RE SAFE!

ARE YOU, COSMIC BOY?
THE GUARDS ARE STILL ADVANCING! BUT THE ANTIDOTE SHOULD HAVE WORKED BY NOW... WHAT HAPPENED TO BRAINIAC 5?
WHAT HAPPENED? AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE VAST RESERVOIR ROOM...
OUCH!... I REMEMBER! I WAS CLOBBERED BEFORE I COULD PUT THE ANTIDOTE IN THE WATER! NOW IT'S GONE! IT MUST'VE SPILLED WHEN I FELL!
BUT WHAT'S THAT HUBBUB OUTSIDE?
LET'S LOOK OUTSIDE, SHALL WE?
THEY'RE REACHING OUT... AIMING THEIR WEAPONS! EVEN WE CAN'T STOP SO MANY!
GET THEM, MY LOYAL GUARDS! KILL THEM!
BUT...
BOLTAX! YOU CONTROLLED OUR MINDS! YOU'RE THE ENEMY HERE!
THEY'RE GRABBING BOLTAX... THEN BRAINIAC 5'S ANTIDOTE DID WORK!
GOOD 'OL BRAINY! HE SAVED OUR SKINS!
BUT I DIDN'T DO IT! I'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS ALL THIS TIME... I WAS SLUGGED!
BRAINIAC 5!? BUT... IF YOU DIDN'T...??!!
SUDDENLY...
I DID IT, COSMIC BOY! I FOUND BRAINIAC 5'S ANTIDOTE AND POURED IT IN THE WATER! THEN I BLEW UP THE WATER TANK ABOVE THOSE GUARDS!
;GASP; IT'S...

ROND VIDAR...UNIVERSO'S SON!... AND IF YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED BY NOW, KANDRO BOLTAX IS REALLY...
...UNIVERSO!*
BAH!...IF NOT FOR THAT GOODY-GOODY BRAT, I'D HAVE WON!
* THE LEGION BATTLED UNIVERSO IN ADVENTURE NO. 349—Ed.
YES... HE USED HIS HYPNOTIC ABILITY TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON!
THEN, IN A NEW BID FOR POWER, HE KIDNAPPED VICE-PRESIDENT BOLTAX AND TOOK HIS PLACE!
"HE HYPNOTIZED OTHERS INTO SETTING UP THE EMERGENCIES THAT KEPT YOU AWAY FROM EARTH WHILE HE ARRANGED THE 'ACCIDENT' THAT KILLED THE PRESIDENT..."
THOSE HYPER-HELIUM BOMBS THAT HYPNOTIZED BATTLE CRUISER CAPTAIN IS FIRING WILL CAUSE THIS SUN TO FLARE UP AND THREATEN TO ENGULF ITS PLANETS! THAT SHOULD BRING THE LEGION HERE!
AS "BOLTAX", HE SUCCEEDED TO THE PRESIDENCY! HIS FIRST ACT WAS TO BUILD THIS PLANT ...AND TO PLACE A HYPNOTIC DRUG IN THE WATER IT PROCESSED!
WITH EVERYONE UNDER HIS CONTROL, HE OUTLAWED YOU, HIS WORST FOES, AND IMPRISONED ME... BECAUSE I HAD INHERITED HIS IMMUNITY TO HYPNOSIS!
HE KNEW IF I WERE FREE, I'D TIP YOU OFF BEFORE YOU FELL UNDER THE HYPNO-CHEMICAL'S CONTROL!
WE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT OURSELVES!
ANYWAY, I ESCAPED AND CAME HERE TO SABOTAGE THE PLANT! AND I DID IT!
A GOOD THING, TOO!
BETTER THAN YOU THINK! IN TIME, THE HYPNO-DRUG WOULD HAVE ROBBED ALL THE PEOPLE ON EARTH OF THEIR WILLS, MAKING THEM MINDLESS SLAVES!
THEN THE CURFEW AND OTHER LAWS WERE PASSED TO TEST THE PEOPLE'S WILL FOR RESISTANCE!

WELL, AT THIS MOMENT, BRAINIAC 5'S ANTIDOTE IS BEING PUMPED ALL OVER THE WORLD, FREEING EVERYONE'S MIND!
AND UNIVERSO ...MY FATHER... IS GOING BACK TO PRISON!
LATER...
WELL, THE REAL PRESIDENT BOLTAX HAS PUT US BACK IN BUSINESS... AND I'M GLAD TO SEE PRINCESS PROJECTRA RECOVERED FROM HER INJURY!
DON'T BOTHER, KID! WE ARE FREE!
NEXT, WE MUST FREE OUR PALS FROM PRISON ON TAKRON-GALTOS!
SUPERBOY! MON-EL... THE OTHERS... BUT HOW DID YOU GET LOOSE?
WE BROKE LOOSE, LEADERMAN! BRUGOL AND HIS GUARDS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE SCIENCE POLICE!
FINE! NOW I PROPOSE THAT WE CONFER HONORARY MEMBERSHIP ON THE LAD WHO HAS TWICE, THROUGH HIS COURAGEOUS ACTS, SAVED THE LEGION AND EARTH...
... ROND VIDAR! ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE!
AYE!
SUPER HEROES CLUB HOUSE
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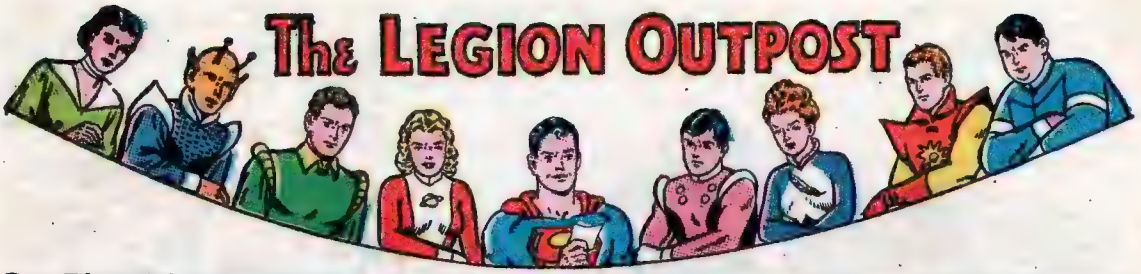

Dear Editor: I don't want to criticize (much) but to compliment you on a very, very good story. I'm talking about "The Ghost of Ferro Lad." I think this masterpiece was a wonderful species of tale known as a "Shooter Novel." When author James Shooter writes a book-length story—WOW! "The Rogue Legionnaire," for example, which I still consider the best Legion story ever written. He has matched the greatness of that story with "The Ghost of Ferro Lad." It was wonderful the way he blended action with the supernatural, and what a touch—having the real Ghost aid the Legionnaires, although he was never seen doing it or the fact explicitly stated. This left something to the imagination and sent tingles up and down my spine. The art was excellent. Curtis Swan added to the eeriness with his drawings of the seance. It *was* a great story, second only to "The Rogue Legionnaire."

—Charles Christesson, Jr., Rio Grande City, Tex.

(You spotted author Shooter's style perfectly. If you haven't read the Shooter Novel in this issue, do so . . . it's sure to bring back memories of your favorite Legion tale.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I and a few of my friends formed a Legion Club. Each of us took a Legionnaire and we agreed that no one could switch to another hero. I chose Ferro Lad and when he died, I was kicked out of the club. I had spent money on a costume and now it was all for nothing. If you can't bring back Ferro Lad, at least tell me how to get back in the club. —Tim Burke, Flushing, N.Y.

(Try haunting the clubhouse as Ferro Lad's Ghost. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: What happens to questions sent in by readers when they aren't printed? I've written to DC about six or seven times, but my letters have never been published. The only thing I ever got was a form letter that gives us the lowdown on the Superman Family. Why can't the editor take the time to type up an answer to each person who writes in? —David Picker, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(We only wish we had the time to answer all the questions you readers ask. But please understand —we receive *thousands* of letters every week, and it is simply impossible to answer them all personally, much as we'd like to. So bear with us, will you, Dave?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: At the end of "The Ghost of Ferro Lad," you have the ghost walking down the hall with footsteps that clang like iron. How can an immaterial ghost make clanging footsteps?

—Donald Nelson, New York, N.Y.

(Don't you ever read ghost stories? They're full of mysterious footsteps, caused by unseen beings. For example, take the ghost in the last stanza of Alfred Noyes' poem, "The Highwayman": "Over the cobbles he clatters and clangs in the dark inn-yard." If the Highwayman's ghost can clang, so can Ferro Lad's.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: You have made Brainiac 5 too much like a real computer. You say he is human, but every issue you turn him more and more into a computer. I know he has a twelfth-level brain, but he doesn't seem to display any emotion at all.

—Edwin G. Swartz, Pacific Beach, Calif.

(Just watch him the next time he meets Supergirl—he'll show plenty of emotion. And she says she's never seen a cuter computer.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: After reading "The Ghost of Ferro Lad," I thought I'd review the issue before his courageous death. Unfortunately, I missed No. 353, but I did get No. 352. When the Legionnaires were ready to give up, it was Ferro Lad who said, "I'd rather go down fighting than sit here humming my death march!" The never-say-die Legionnaire did just that—he went down fighting. I know you can't bring him back to life, but why not have an untold tale of Ferro Lad? I'm sure other readers would go for this. —Russell Ferryman, Springfield, Ohio

(We might just do that—and maybe we'll reveal what his face looked like at the same time.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Don't you think you have carried this too far? I mean you should stop turning Legionnaires into babies. In ADVENTURE No. 338, eight Legionnaires reverted to infancy, and Element Lad was one of them. Then, in No. 356, Element Lad was again turned into a baby. Don't you think you've used the Fountain of Youth bit on him once too often?

—Jerry Sexton, St. Clair, Mich.

(Not necessarily, but we promise not to put him in the playpen again—unless it's absolutely imperative to tell a terrific tale.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Why not have the Space Canine Patrol Agents, who appear in SUPERBOY, become the pets of the Legionnaires—in one story, at least. Of course, Krypto is already Superboy's pet; but the others could pair off something like this: Chameleon Boy—Chameleon Collie; Brainiac 5—Tail Terrier (Top Dog); Bouncing Boy—Mammoth Miss; Dream Girl—Prophetic Pup; Sun Boy—Hot Dog; Mon-El—Tusky Husky; Element Lad—Paw Pooch. The only one I can't figure out a master for is Bull Dog. You might have an idea about that.

—Michael Weldon, Richmond, Va.

(How about Karate Kid? He's as strong as several bulls.—Ed.)

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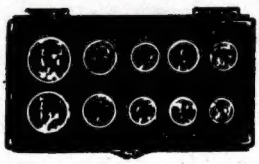

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